

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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GLUCOSE METER  
Examiner : Roy Punnoose  
Group Art Unit : 2877

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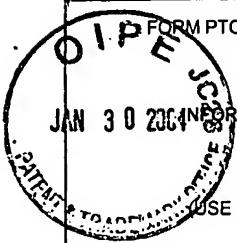
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- ( X ) A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.
- ( X ) A PTO Form 1449 with 1 reference enclosed.
- ( X ) A check in the amount of \$180 to cover the above fee is enclosed.
- ( X ) Return prepaid postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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